#### ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

## Alabama Baptist Association,

Hickory Grove Church, Montgomery Co., Ala,, October 6-9, 1882.



### PROGEEDINGS

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#### ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Pursuant to adjournment, the delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association, met at Hickery Grove church, Montgomery county, on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, (6th day,) 1882. Elder Orme, who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, being absent, Eld. D. I. Purser, of Mississippi, (temporary pastor at Birmingham,) was invited to fill his place. Text, 2 Tim. i: 12; "For I know whom I have believed," etc.

After a recess of one hour, the Moderator called the Association to order, and, after devotional exercises, the letters were read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

#### FIRST DISTRICT.

Center Ridge-Letter; no delegates.

Town Creek—J. M. FORTUNE, J. F. Ellis, \* S. W. Quarles.\*

Bethany—E. F. BABER, W. R. Hardy,\* A. Edwards,\*

Sister Springs-Letter; no delegates.

Pleasant Hill—E. J. FORRESTER, U. J. Crumpton, C. Lovelace.\* Shiloh—D. B. Edwards, Miles Hardy,\* F. S. Becton.\*

Ruhamah, (formerly Cedar Creek)—J. F. Lee,\* Ithiel Ingram,\* Henry Bozeman.\*

#### SECOND DISTRICT.

New Bethel—C. Rhodes, Jas. Strickland,\* G. O. Bruner.\* Benton—

Steep Creek - Jos. Dickson, J. M. Dickerson, W. P. Bullock.

Hayneville-H. W. Caffey, Jno. A. Robertson.

Bethel—M. Bishop, C. A. Gunn, J. E. Bishop, A. F. Goldsmith,\* R. M. Burt.\*

Mt. Gilead—Jas. Bryant, W. H. Edwards,\* R. C. Rives.\* Hopewell—D. Lee, A. A. Barganier, O. A. Coleman.\* Good Hope—

New Smyrna—M. Bishop, M. Pruitt. Mountain Hill—W. H. Dean, J. A. Skipper.

#### THIRD DISTRICT.

Salem—G W. Bayzer, E. D. Loper, A. B. Brassell. Montgomery, First—A. B. Woodfin, J. W. Hale. Montgomery, Adams Street—J. A. HOWARD. Liberty—

Union—J. W. Holloway, John Kolb, J. E. Turner.\*
Mt. Lebanon—Warren Smith, J. W. Orme,\* J. G. Jones.\*
Pine Level—E. J. Harris, J. H. Dickson,\* N. D. Wright.\*
Unity—Letter; no delegates

Elim-W. G. Worrell, W. R. Taylor,\* Jos. Akin\*.

Ramah—B. A. Jackson, J. R. McLendon, P. W. Spear.\* Bethesda--J. C. McLendon, J. T. Boyd, D. W. Fuller.

#### FOURTH DISTRICT.

Greenville—T. W. HART,\* Jno. Gamble,\* U. C. Vinson.\* Philadelphia—G. T. Edwards, W. M. Thrower.\*

Antioch-J. L. Williams, J. H. Williams.

Damascus-W. C. T. Moselev, W. J. Andress, Jr., J. W. Edge.

Hickory Grove-A. Dean, J. P. Cross, J. F. Sims.

Macedonia-W. J. Harris, F. E. May, Jas. Fail:

New Ebenezer-W. H. Kilpatrick, Jeff. Cook, C. C. Mothershed.

Spring Creek-Jno. A. Stringer, H. S. Graydon.

[Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS; Licentiates in italics; Absentees \*.]

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, and D. Lee, E. F. Baber, and H. W. Caffey, were respectively reelected Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

Spring Creek church, recently constituted, made application for membership in the Association, and was received.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Religious Exercises—U. J. Crumpton, A. A. Barganier, J. R. McLendon, and the Pastor and Deacons of Hickory Grove church.

On Documents—Eld. B. A. Jackson, M. Pruitt, and F. E. May. On the State of Religion in the Churches—Elds. M. Bishop, J. A. Howard, and Bro. Jos. Dickson.

On Finance-D. B. Edwards, J. W. Hale, C. A. Gunn.

Auditing Committee—James Bryant, O. R. Bell, W. P. Bullock. And the following Standing Committees, to report next year:

On Missions—Eld. T. W. Hart, D. B. Edwards, W. C. T. Moseley.

On Sabbath Schools—Eid. L. G. Skipper, James Bryant, Eld. W. C. Avant.

On Education—Eld E. F. Baber, D. P. Goodhue, O. A. Coleman.

On the call for Correspondents, Elds. D. I. Purser, of Canaan Association, and W. A. Therrell, of South Carolina, were announced as being present, and invited to join in our deliberations. Eld. E. J. Forrester was recognized as representing the Foreign Mission Board; A. B. Woodfin, the Home Mission Board; E. F. Baber, the State Mission Board; Bro. H. W. Caffey, the Bible and Calportage Work; Elds. T. W. Hart, Howard College, and J. A. Howard, Judson Female Institute.

From Salem Association-R. E. McMoy.

Returned Correspondents, as follows:

To Cahaba Association-E. F. Baber, U. J. Crumpton.

To Bethlehem Association—U. J. Crumpton.

To Pine Barren Association—U. J. Crumpton, E. J. Forrester, W. C. T. Moseley.

To Zion Association-W. C. Avant.

To Centennial Association—B. A. Jackson, E. B. Jackson, E. J. Harris,

To Salem Association--E. J. Harris, B. A. Jackson, J. R. Mc-Lendon, J. H. Dickson, E. P. Johnson.

Delegates to State Convention-E F. Baber, E. J. Harris, J. L.

Sampey, M. Bishop, James Bryant, H. W. Caffey, T. W. Hart, D. B. Edwards, J. M. Fortune, W. P. Bullock.

Eld. Howard presented the report on Missions.

On motion of Eld. Forrester, the report was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Eld. Jackson, it was ordered that the Association meet at 9 o'clock a. m.; spend half an hour in devotional exercises; take recess from 1 till  $2\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock p. m.; adjourn at pleasure.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that on account of sickness in the community, there will be no preaching at night. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, October 7.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. Moseley.

The report on Missions was taken up and considered. During the discussion of the report, and as connected with it, Bro. Caffey moved that we raise \$100 to establish the David Lee Colportage Fund of the Alabama Association; which was adopted, and the sum of \$58.00 was paid in cash, and the following pledges made:

Adams Street Church, Montgomery, \$7; A. B. Woodfin, \$5; Town Creek church, \$5; New Bethel, \$5; Bethesda, \$2.50; Damascus, \$5; Steep Creek, \$5; Macedonia, \$5; Hayneville, \$5; total \$44.50; aggregate, \$102.50.

The report was amended and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The present outlook for the cause of missions is encouraging. We are grateful to God for what has been accomplished and as a token of our gratitude, should be ready to join our brethren in their efforts to do more and more as the years go by. The fact that there has been some improvement should only convince us that we may have yet greater results from greater efforts.

Foreign Missions.—The report from this department of our work shows an increase of \$5,000 for the last conventional year. In Alabama, however, there has been no material increase. It has been suggested by the State Convention that we seek out and support in our Foreign Field two young men and one young woman. We urge this body to aid in this effort. May not some one of our own number be found who will go? Surely we can aid will help liberally to support any who may be sent. During the past year many new laborers have gone forth to China, to Africa, to Brazil and to Mexico. There were reported 126 conversions and baptisms More laborers are needed and more money must be given to carry on the work.

Home Missions.—This Board also reported an increase in its receipts. The Southern Convention has deemed it best to remove the Board from our State and locate it in Atlanta, Ga. However, one of our own number is in charge of its interests; and we, who know, love and honor Dr. I. T. Tichenor, will not fail to co-operate with him. The Board has pointed out the great work before it. The Chinese in California, the Indians, destitution in the States and Territories of the Southwest (Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona), some of the older States east of the Mississippi River, Florida, New Orleans and the Negroes of the South, furnish more territory than they are able to occupy with the funds that have usually been given them. They ask for not less than \$50,000. We rejoice to hear already of evidences of a large increase over the amount given last year. Let Alabama do her part.

STATE MISSIONS -Notwithstanding financial depression among our people, the receipts of this Board have also increased They ask yet more during the present year. We must give them all they ask of us and more if possible. With a general evangelist in the field and other increase of their working force, they must not be forgotten.

The Bible and colportage work has a claim upon us, and we commend it to our brethren with the hope that other churches, schools or individuals may

invest \$100, or more, as the Board suggests.

We urge our churches to aid in putting the work of the Board on a cash

We suggest that it would be well to require more of the Committee on Missions than a report. Let them be instructed to co-operate with the State Board in its efforts to place missionary information in the hands of those in our own territory. Let them also be instructed to use all proper efforts to get every church to contribute something to each object fostered by this Association. Let it be required of them that they do something and report to this body what has been done.

J. A. HOWARD, Chairman.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made the following report: To-morrow (Sabbath) morning, 91/2 o'clock-Sabbath school exercises, conducted by Eld. Therrell

11 o'clock-Missionary Sermon by Dr. Woodfin, as appointed last year. Afternoon-Sermon by Eld Fortune.

To preach Introductory Sermon next year-Eld, L. G. Skipper.

To preach Missionary Sermon-Eld T. W. Hart.

On motion, the regular order was suspended to allow Eid. Purser to present the claims of our cause at Birmingham, the object being to raise funds to assist in building a larger house of worship in that city. The following pledges were made, to be paid by January 1st: J. M. Fortune, \$15; J. A. Robertson, \$5; W. P. Bullock, \$5;
E. J. Harris, \$5; A. B. Brassell, \$5; E. F. Baber, \$5; total \$40.

Eld. Forrester read the report of the Association Board of Education, which was adopted.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

During the last annual meeting of the Association, Bro. J. C. McLendon made application to your Board for help in defraying his expenses at Howard College. After examining him upon his Christian experience and call to the Ministry, the Board decided to render him all the assistance in their power. Bro. McLe..don has received help to the amount of \$154, for which we have his promissory note.

The following is our	Treasurer's report:
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TO BOARD OF EDUCATION,

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The meagerness of the Treasurer's report is accounted for by the fact that the funds contributed for Bro. McLendon, were sent directly to Bro. T. M. Bailey at Marion.

D. LEE, President.

E. J. Forrester, Secretary.

Eld. Forrester presented the report of the Committee on Education. Pending discussion, the following pledges were made to continue Bro. J. C. McLendon at Howard College:

Adams Street Church, Montgomery, \$15; Hickory Grove, \$50; Ramah, \$10; Pine Level, \$20; Shiloh, \$5; Hayneville, \$5; First Montgomery, \$25; Steep Creek, \$5; Salem, \$5; Bethesda, \$20;

Philadelphia, \$5; E. F. Baber, \$10; total, \$175.

On motion of Eld. Baber, the order of the Association adopted in 1879, requiring that notes be given by the beneficiaries of the funds raised for Ministerial Education for the money received by them, was repealed, and it was ordered that the notes be returned to those who have given them.

Elds. Howard and Fortune spoke in behalf of Judson Female

Institute and Howard College, at Marion.

The report on Education was then adopted.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

One of the world's mottos in its onward march is, "Division of Labor." That means, "every man must choose some particular work, and held himself to it," That motto is being more and more fully realized as the world moves forward; it is one of the lines along which the world is moving, it is one of the lines along which the world is moving, it is one of the necessary conditions of a continuance of the progress which the world is now achieving. As this motto becomes more and more fully realized, two things become more and more necessary to any man who would be as successful in life as nature has made it possible for him to be. These two things are: 1st. That he should obey the motto which has been mentioned, by selecting some particular business, as his life-work and sticking to it; and 2d, That he should be educated frained. He cannot afford to give himself to several different things, because, i he does that, and comes into competition with specialists as competent naturally and by education as himself, he is sure to be beaten by them in each of his lines of business. He, too, must be a specialist, if he would achieve the highest success possible to him. If he proposes to be a farmer, then he must be a farmer, and if he is a merchant, he must be a merchant. Nor can he afford to enter upon his life-work without having first received as much training, general and special, as is possible to him. The most successful prosecution of any business requires a trained mind. There is a notion in this part of the United States that it does not require education, to make the best sort of a farmer, that anybody can be a farmer, that those boys who connect that notion has a good deal to do with the present prostrate condition of the farming interests in this section. To

achieve the highest success, then, a man must select some special business and hold himself to it, and he must be educated. This line of thought brings to us a most potent argument for the education of the ministry. To achieve the highest success in the ministry which nature has made possible for any particular man, it is necessary that he should hold himself to the ministry—he cannot afford to entangle himself with other business. But it not enough that he should hold himself to the ministry; he must also be educated. We emphasize the assertion that, to achieve the highest success in the ministry, a man must be elucated, trained. We do not prescribe any particular method of obtaining this training as necessary, but we do say that the training itself is necessary—it must be had. The motto, "Every man to his own work," is being so persistently pressed by the world that this training is absolutely necessary to the man who would not see himself pushed aside in the onward march, or laid up in one of the most undesirable places in the world, viz: "On the shelf." He may like it or not like it as he pleases, he may resist the truth or accept it as he likes, but the inexorable edict has been put forth by the world, that he who, as a minister of the gospel, ignores education, must so far as the position he might occupy is concerned, go up "on the shelf." It gives us pleasure to report that the Howard and the Judson are doing well. The Judson has lost its former noble president, Bro. L. R. Gwaltney, but has been very fortunate in securing a most admirable successor in the person of Prof. Rolt, Frazer.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

E. J. FORRESTER, Chairman.

Adjourned 'til Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

#### SABBATH DAY.

A short Thanksgiving service was held, conducted by Eld. Baber, after which Eld. Therrell delivered an address on the subject of Sabbath Schools. At 11 o'clock, Eld. Woodfin preached the Missionary sermon; text, Rom. x. 13-15. A collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$25. Eld. Fortune preached in the afternoon.

#### MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 9th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Bro. Robertson, the Board of Education of the Association was continued, and Eld. Fortune was appointed Secretary in place of Eld. Forrester, who will soon remove from our bounds.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To many this may appear a hackneyed and threadbare subject, but the work performed through Sabbath School agencies has so evidently been blessed of God, and its possibilities are so great to the mind of every Christian observer of intelligence, that we feel fully justified in continuing to press home to the hearts and consciences of our brethren on every suitable occasion, the great and urgent importance of diligent and unwearied effort in this department of Christian labor. There are yet many who should be actively employed in the Subbath School

work, who are holding themselves aloof, and thus practically casting their influence in the scale against a cause which their hearts approve; but we apprehend that one of the most serious obstacles to a larger measure of success in this good cause, is the lukewarmness and indifference of Christian parents and church members. If they themselves would "point to heaven and lead the way" in this direction, soon our schools would overflow with children, gladly hastening to God's house and learning with delight those precious truths that make wise unto salvation; the cause of Christ would receive a fresh impetus, and the hearts of God's people would be filled with joy in witnessing constantly increasing numbers of the young hopefully converted to Christ, and allying themselves with the armies of Zion.

In this view of the case we would urge the adult membership of our churches to take an active, personal interest in the Sabbath School work, and those churches which as yet have no Sunday School, or, more properly speaking Bible School, connected with them we would affectionately exhort to speedily form such an organization; and finally we would request the clerks of the churches in their associational letters to report their Sabbath School statistics, so that we

may provoke each other to good work.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. W. CAFFEY, Chairman.

Reports from brethren appointed last year to report for their respective districts as to the extent to which parents neglect the duty of teaching the Scripture to their children, were called for.

Eld. Baber presented his report, which was adopted.

#### REPORT ON FAMILY STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES,

Under a resolution adopted at the last session of this body, I have to report that in the first district of the Association (the territory embraced in my report), the sacred duty of instructing the children in the Scriptures is in a large measure neglected by the heads of families who are members of our churches. While some meet the obligation resting upon them in this matter, many do not, and thus fail to train their children as they should, and to receive themselves the spiritual benefit that would be derived from communion with God through the study of his word.

E. F. BABER.

Eld. Jackson presented the report on Documents, which was adopted.

#### REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that Greenville Church has licensed

Brother J. C. Johnson to preach the Gospel.

Centre Ridge asks for a letter of dismission from this body in order to unite with Pine Barren Association. Mt. Gilead and Town Creek, request that the next session of the Association be held with them.

Montgomery First, Adams Street, Elim, Salem, Mt. Lebanon, Pine Level, Ramah, Prattville, and Bethesda churches, ask letters of dismission from this Association, in order to unite with the proposed Montgomery Association.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. JACKSON, Chairman.

Town Creek church, Dallas county, having invited the Association to hold its next session with it, the invitation was accepted.

On motion, letters of dismission were granted to the churches mentioned in the above report as having applied for them.

Eld Bishop read the report on the State of Religion in the Churches. Adopted.

#### ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your committee report that some of our churches are on the decline, and a few give cheering news of gracious revivals. The same number of baptisms as last year are reported by the letters. A smaller number of Sabbath Schools, Prayer Meetings and Womans Mission Societies are reported than last year. One church has been organized. But one man professes that God has called him to publish the good news of salvation, in our bounds. Many churches call for letters to join bodies more convenient for them to meet with in an associational capacity. Upon the whole, the state of religion in the churches does not favorably compare with former years of this body. Your committee would advise that in consequence of the changes of the late war, it is best to adapt ourselves to the present order of things by organizing more associations and smaller ones, with larger representations and consequently more workers.

Respectfully,
MATT. BISHOP, Chairman,

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H. W. CAFFEY, Treasurer,

Examined and found correct.

JAMES BRYANT, Ch'rm. Aud. Committee.

Bro. Harris offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the members of this Association tender our lasting gratitude to this church and surrounding community for the generous hospitality extended

to us during our stay in their midst.

On motion of Eld. Forrester, the clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the minutes printed as the minute fund will pay for, after deducting \$25 for his services and the expense of superintending the printing, and of mailing the minutes.

Eld. Jackson offered the following resolutions, which were

adopted:

#### RESOLUTIONS ON APPORTIONMENT.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to raise the amounts asked of us by the State Mission Board for the various objects designated, and that we adopt the apportionment of last year as the basis of our contributions for this year,

Resolved, That the churches withdrawing from this body be requested to contribute the sums apportioned to them through the Associations with which they

may unite.

The apportionment of last year, which was adopted in the fore-going first resolution, is as follows:

#### FIRST DISTRICT.

Centre Ridge 40 00	Pleaaant Hill 75 00
Town Creek So oo	Shiloh
Bethany 50 00	Ceder Creek
Sister Springs 5 00	
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SECOND 1	DISTRICT.
Hopewell 110 00	Mt. Gilead 60 00
Ash Creek 30 00	New Bethel 30 00
Hayneville 25 00	Benton 25 00
Steep Creek	New Smyrna 5 00
Bethel 80 00	Mountain Hill 5 00
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Adam's Street 50 00	Elim 20 00
Liberty 20 00	Ramah 50 00
Union 20 00	Bethesda 30 oc
Mt. Lebanon 35 00	
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Philadelphia 10 00	Macedonia 20 00
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The clerk was authorized to mail the advertising leaflet of the American Baptist Publication Society with the minutes, the Society paying the necessary expense.

Eld. Baber offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

#### ON PREPARING PROGRAMME.

Resolved. That with the view of expediting our business, a committee be appointed to prepare a programme of proceedings for this Association, which shall be published in the ALABAMA BAPTIST a reasonable time before our next meeting, and be submitted to the Association for its adoption or rejection.

Elsis Baber, McQueen and Fortune were appointed the commit-

tee required by the resolution.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented. The Auditing Committee not having had an opportunity to exame the same, the Association, on motion, received it as correct.

Then after extending the parting hand, and prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet with Town Creek church. eight miles southwest of Benton, Dallas County, on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1883.

DAVID LEE, MODERATOR. Mt. Willing, Lowndes Co.

E. F. BABER, CLERK. Collirene, Lowndes Co.

#### List of Ordained and Licensed Ministers in Alabama Association.

#### LICENTIATES IN ITALICS.

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David Lee L. G. Skipper Matthew Bishop A. F. Goldsmith E. F. Baber G. W. McQueen A. B. Woodfin, D. D.* J. A. Howard*	Mt. Willing . Mt. Willing . Mt. Willing . Fort Deposit Fort Deposit Collirene . Hayneville . Montgomery Montgomery Montgomery Montgomery Montgomery Ramer	J. W. Orme* T. W. Hart . T. Williams . P. H. Joiner W. C. Avant . W. C. T. Moseley T. E. Morgan . J. T. Davidson . T. E. Williams J. M. Smoke J. M. Fortune . F. C. McLendon* F. R. Sampey* F. C. Johnson .	Pugh

<sup>\*</sup> The churches to which these ministers belong will hereafter be members of Montgomery Association.

#### COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

On Missions-T. W. Hart, D.-B. Edwards, W. C. T. Moseley. On Sabbath Schools-L. G. Skipper, Jas. Bryant, W. C. Avant.

On Education—E. F. Baber, D. P. Geodhue, O. A. Coleman.

Associational Board of Education-D. Lee, President, Mt. Willing; J. M. Fortune, Secretary, Soapstone; W. P. Rice, Treasurer, Fort Deposit; G. W. McQueen, R. M. Burt.

To preach Introductory Sermon-Rev. L. G. Skipper.

To preach Missionary Sermon-Rev. T. W. Hart.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- Introductory Sermon.
- Appoint Committee on Credentials,
- 3. Recess.
- 4. Organization.
- Admission of New Churches. 5.
- 6. Correspondence.
- 7. 8. Appoint Committees. Report of Executive Board.
- 9. Report of Committees.
- 10. Treasurer's Report.
- 11. Appoint time and place of meeting.
- 12. Miscellaneous.

#### Declaration of Faith of Alabama Baptist Association.

ARTICLE I.—Of the Scriptures.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men Divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction [a]; that it has God for its author [b], salvation for its end [c], and truth without any mixture of error for its matter [d]; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us [c], and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union [f], and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried [g].

(a) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, tholoughly furnished unto all good works-2 Tim. iii. 16 17. (b) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost—2 Peteri, 21. (c) These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name—John xx, 31. (d) For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth—Psalm xxxiii. 4 (e) God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel—Rom. ii, 10. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works—Rev. xx, 12. (f) Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other doctrine unto you, let them be accursed—Gal. i, 9. (g) If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed—Gal. i, 10.

ART. II. Of the True God. That there is one, and only one, true and living God [a], whose name is Jehovah [b], the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth [c], inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love [d]; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every Divine perfection [e], and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption

(a) God is one—Gal iii, 20. (b) That men may know that thou, whose name is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth—Psalm lxxxiii, 18. (c) For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible—Col. i. 16. (d) Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders—Ex. xv, 11. (e) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one—I John v, 7. For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily—Col. ii, 9. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God—Phil. ii, 6. (f) God sent his Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved—John iii, 17. Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures—I Cor xv, 3. And was raised again for our justification—Rom. iv, 25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them—Heb, vii, 25. It is the Spirit that quickeneth—John vi, 63.

ART. III. Of the Fall of Man. That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker [a], but by voluntary trans-

gression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice [b]. being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions [c]; and therefore under just con-

demnation to eternal ruin, without defense and excuse [d].

[a] So God created man in his own image—Gen, i, 27. God made man upright—Ec vii, 29. [b] In Adam all die—I Cor. xv. 22. There is none rightcous, no, not one-Rom. iii, 10. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do-John viii, 44. [c] He that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God-John iii, 18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction—2 Thes. i, 8. [a] And he was speechless—Mat. xxii, 12. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the World are clearly seen. being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse-Rom. i, 20.

Of the Way of Sakration. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace [a], through the mediatorial office of the Son of God [b] who took on him our nature, yet without sin [c]; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death [d]; being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in Heaven [e]; and uniting in his wonderful person, the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour [f].

[a] For by grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God-Eph. ii, 8. [b] For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus-1 Tim. ii, 5. [c] For as much as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same-Heb it, 14. And in him is no sin-I John iii, 5. [d] The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable—Isa, xlii, 21. We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son-Rom. v, 10. [2] But we see Jesus-crowned with glory and honor-Heb. ii, 9. [7] For we have an High Priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities—Heb. iv, 15. For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily-Col. ii, 9.

ART. V. Of Justification. That the great gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is Justification |a|; that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness [b]; that it is bestowed. not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness [c]; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity

[a] Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—Rom. v, 1. [2] Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins—Acts x, 30. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life—John iii, 36. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God-Rom. iii, 25. [c] Not by works of

righteousness, which we have done, but acording to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost—Titus iii, 5. [d] He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things-Rom. viii, 32

ART. VI. Of the Freeness of Salvation. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel [a]; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith [b]: and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ [c]; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condem-

nation [d].

[a] Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else—Isa. xlv, 22. Whosoever will, let him take the svater of life freely—Rev. xxii, 17. [b] Now he cammandeth all men everywhere to repent—Acts xvii, 30. [c] Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life—John v, 40. [d] It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom

in the day of judgment, than for thee-Mat. xi, 24.

ART. VII. Of Grace in Regeneration. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or born again [a]; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel [b]; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we

bring forth to the glory of God [c]

[a] Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God-Ino. iii, 3. [b] And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness -Eph. iv, 23, 24. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit—John iii, 3. Every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God—1 John iv, 7. If a man love me, he will keep my words—John xiv, 23. [c] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them—Eph. ii, 10. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not-1 John v, 18

ART. VIII. Of God's Purpose of Grace. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners [a]; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end [b]; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, noly and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy [c]; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree [d]; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel [e]; is the foundation of Christian assurance [f]; and that, to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence [g].

[a] God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth—2 Thes. ii, 13. [b] Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory—2 Tim. ii, 10. [c] According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love—Eph. i, 4. [d] Therefore 1 and use all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory—2 Tim. ii, 10. [e] And they that are with him are called, and chosen and faithful—Rev. xvii, 14. [f] Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?—Rom, viii, 33, 34. [g] Wherefore the rather, bretheren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure—2 Peter i, 10.

ART. IX. Of the Perseverance of Saints That such only are real believers as endure unto the end [a]: that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors [b]: that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through

faith unto salvation [c].

[4] Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil—1 John iii, 9, 10. [5] They went out from us, but they were not of us—2 John ii, 19. [6] God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it—I Cor. x, 13. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time—1 Peter i, 5.

ART. X. Harmony of the Law and Gospel. That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government [a]; that it is holy, just and good [b]; that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them, through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace, connected with the establishment of the visible Church [c].

[a] Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled—Mat. v, 18 [2] Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good—Rom. vi, 12 [c] That tree righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit—Rom. viii, 4. Do we then make void the law through

faith? God forbid; yea, we establish the law--Rom. iii, 31.

ART. XI. Of a Gospel Church. That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ ]a]; governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word [b]: that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties, are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus [c].

[a] Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints—Rom. i, 7. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death—Rom. vi, 4. Paul, an apostle unto the Churches of Galatia—Gal. i, 1, 2. For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptised into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ

--Gal. iii, 26, 27. [b] Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord—1 Cor. xiii, 4, 5 [c] A Bishop, then, must be blameless—1 Tim. iii, 1, 7. Likewise must the Deacons be grave—1 Tim. iii, 8, 9, 10; see also Titus i, 7, 8, 9. Let the Elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. Against an Elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses—1 Tim. 17, 18, 19.

ART. XII. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit [a]; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified and risen Saviour, with its purifying power [b]; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a Church relation, and to the Lord's Supper [c]; in which the members of the Church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-exam-

ination [d].

[a] See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptised? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptised him—Acts viii, 36, 37, 38. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—Mat. xxviii, 19. [b] Buried with him, in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead—Col. ii, 12. [c] Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.—John iii, 5. Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and bake it, and gave it to the disciples—Matt. xxvi, 26. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread—Acts xx, 7. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come—1 Cor. xi, 26. [d] But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup—verse 28.

ART. XIII. Of the Christian Sabbath. That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath [a]; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations [b]; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public [c]; and by preparation for that

rest which remaineth for the people of God [d].

[a] I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day—Rev. 1, 10. [b] Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy—Ex xx, 8. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it—verse 11. [c] Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow—Acts xx, 7. [d] There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God—Heb. iv, 9. Let us labor, therefore, to enter into that rest—verse 11.

ART. XIV. Of Civil Government. That civil government is of Divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society [a]; and that magistrates are to be prayed for [b], conscientiously honored and obeyed [c], except in things opposed to the will

of our Lord Jesus Christ [d], who is the only Lord of the conscience,

and Prince of the kings of the earth [e].

[a] For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God—Rom. xiii, 1. For he is the minister of God to thee for good—verse 4. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil—verse 3. [b] I exhort, therefore, that; first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority—1 Tim. i, 1, 2. [c] Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake—Rom. xiii, 5. [d] We ought to obey God rather than men—Acts v, 29. [c] Christ is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, the Lord of lords—1 Tim. vi, 15.

ART. XV. Of the Righteous and the Wicked. That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked [a]; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in his esteem [b], while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in his sight wicked, and under the curse [c]; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death [d].

[a] He that is not with me is aganist me—Luke xi, 23 Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his—Rom, viii, 9. In this the children of God are manifest and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother—1 John iii, 10. [b] To declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus—Rom iii. 26. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God—1 Cor. vi, 11. [c] Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish—Luke xiii, 3. He that believeth not is condemned already—John iii, 18. [d] He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still—Rev. xxii, 11.

ART. XVI. Of the World to Come. That the end of this world is approaching [a]; that at the last day Christ will descend from beatin, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution [b]; that a solumn separation will then take place [c]; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy [d]; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man

in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness [e].

[a] But the end of all things is at hand, be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer—1 Peter iv, 7. [b] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first—1 Thes. iv, 16. All that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they have done good unto the resurrection of life, and that they have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation—John v, 28, 29. [c] And before him shall be pathered together all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats—Mat. xxv, 32. [d] And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal—Mat. xxv, 32 [e] And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death—Rev. xx, 13, 14. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?—Gen. xviii, 25.

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